REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Applicants inadvertently used an improper status identifier, "previously amended", and did not list canceled Claims 1-22 in the claims listing in the Amendment filed on March 18, 2004. The status identifier has been corrected to recite "previously presented" and Claims 1-22 have been identified as canceled. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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